

**Maryanne Corder**  
**Neighborhood Grant Workshop**  
**Traffic Calming Projects**



# Neighborhood Grant Program

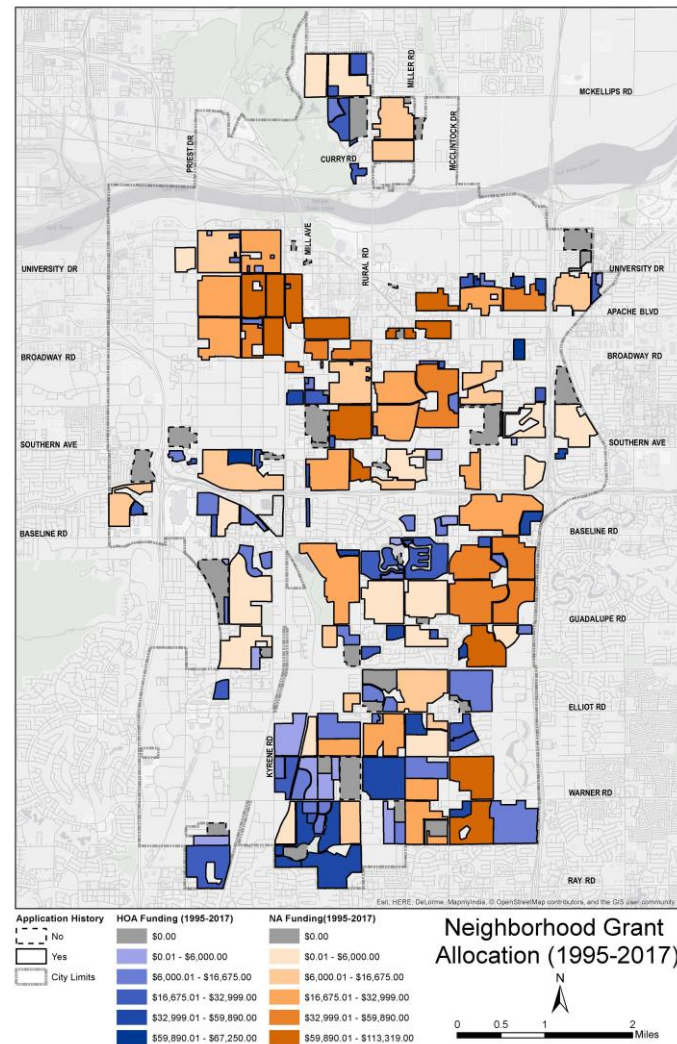
Goal: Provides residents with an opportunity to come together to improve their neighborhood



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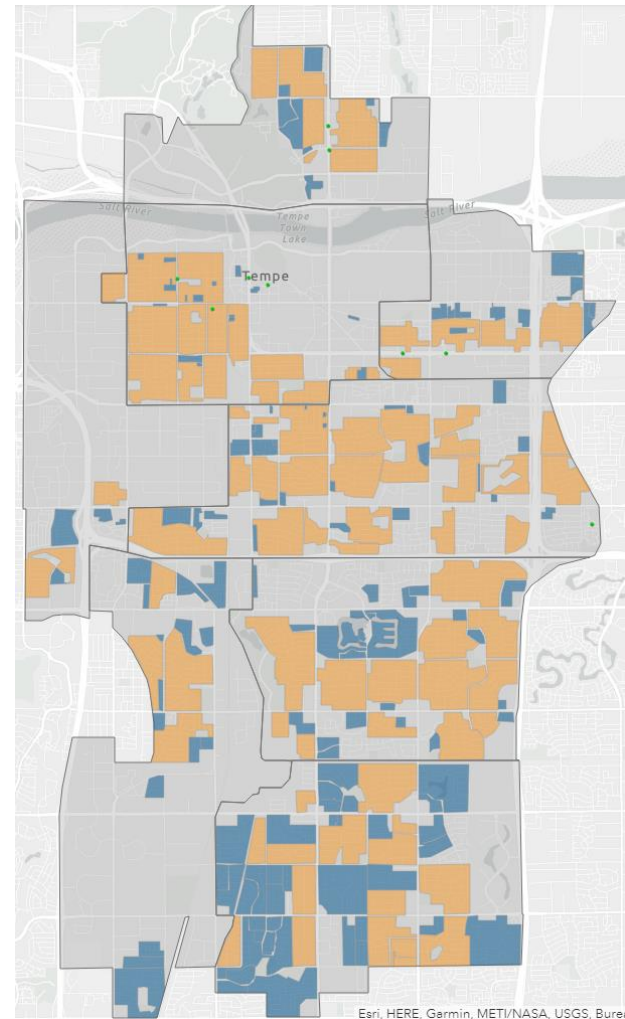
# Funding

- Since 1994, 660 projects completed and over \$4.8 million invested
- NEW this cycle, \$350,000 anticipated to be available with possible additional funds for water conservation projects
- NEW this cycle, **Maximum grant amount is \$20,000**
- A **match of at least 25%** of the requested funds is required for HOAs and certified Crime Free Multi-Housing communities



# Who can apply?

- Currently 82 neighborhood and 139 homeowners' associations have registered with the City – must be registered to apply



Esri, HERE, Garmin, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau





## What can you apply for?

- A capital project that benefits the entire neighborhood and is a one-time expenditure completed by June 30, 2022.

## What can't you apply for?

- Requests may not be for maintenance projects such as entry gates, roofing repair, common ground and pool maintenance, painting, road repair (for private streets) etc.
- Project maintenance or operation costs or items identified as a code violation

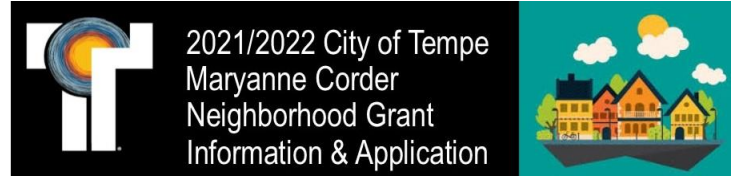
# Who do I involve?

- Community involvement must happen early on and throughout the project process.
- All residents of the community:
  - ✓ must be notified of the opportunity to apply for a grant
  - ✓ provided a chance to propose and comment on project ideas
  - ✓ be included in the final selection of the project



# What do I submit?

- Application Form
- All project types:
  - ✓ required # of bids for your grant ask amount
  - ✓ “before” pictures, aerials from Google
  - ✓ plans
  - ✓ proof of community involvement and neighborhood approvals
- Specific mandatory requirements for your project type



# What is evaluated?

## Quality

- clear and detailed
- engages the neighborhood
- completeness of application
- budget is specific and accurate

## Ability

- ability to complete the project during the fiscal year
- addresses how project will be maintained in the future

## Impact

- provides an environmental benefit (i.e. water and/or energy conservation, shade)
- enhances the aesthetics
- improves health and safety
- addresses a known neighborhood deficiency
- complements other projects (private or City)

**Grant rating sheet**

Project Description	requested	Score	Amount Approved	Comments
<b>Art Projects</b>				
Artistic irrigation standpipes	\$ 10,000.00	33.30		
Artistic bench	\$ 10,000.00	33.83		
Art in median	\$ 10,000.00	35.00		
<b>Landscape Projects</b>				
Project Description	requested	Score	Amount Approved	
Smart irrigation controllers	\$ 3,241.50	34.73		
Entry improvements	\$ 10,000.00	31.09		
Xeriscape improvements - common areas	\$ 6,128.94	34.27		
hurl removal & xeriscape improvements	\$ 10,000.00	34.09		
Olive tree removal	\$ 6,642.00	34.27		
Arterial landscape	\$ 10,000.00	36.91		
High efficiency sprinkler heads	\$ 6,510.24	35.64		
Xeriscape improvements - main park/pool area	\$ 10,000.00	29.55		
tree planting in yards	\$ 6,228.29	32.18		
<b>Parks Projects</b>				
Project Description	requested	Score	Amount Approved	
shade structure	\$ 20,000.00	33.07		
Park improvements	\$ 40,000.00	38.57		
trash receptacles	\$ 4,169.20	34.36		
gathering place	\$ 9,935.00	33.29		
soccer goals	\$ 6,300.00	30.43		
skate park	\$ 10,000.00	31.29		
playground improvements	\$ 9,900.00	35.93		
<b>Signage Projects</b>				
Project Description	requested	Score	Amount Approved	
Neighborhood identification signs	\$ 1,836.00	37.18		
Monument Signage	\$ 2,368.46	32.18		
entry feature/sign	\$ 1,944.00	36.18		
<b>Wall/Fence Projects</b>				
Project Description	requested	Score	Amount Approved	
common area wall improvements	\$ 10,000.00	32.82		



# Coordinate efforts with other associations



- Submit a joint application that combines resources for mutually beneficial community projects
- Any combination of neighborhood and homeowners' associations can partner together on improvements that benefit all members of the community

# Typical traffic calming projects

- Speed cushions
- Small medians
- Traffic circles
- Chicanes



# Traffic Calming



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ANY changes to how a street or adjacent sidewalk operates must be processed through and approved by Traffic Engineering



**1<sup>st</sup> Step:**  
contact Traffic  
Engineering staff



**Preliminary meeting with Traffic Engineering staff**

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graph TD; A[Preliminary meeting with Traffic Engineering staff] --> B[Traffic Engineering collects necessary data to assess problem]; B --> C[If traffic calming device is approved to move forward, neighborhood reps collect needed approvals from affected neighbors]; C --> D[Grant Application (finalize request, get bids, submit final grant application)];
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# Staff will meet with you to listen to your concerns and determine what comes next.

## ➤ Next steps could include:

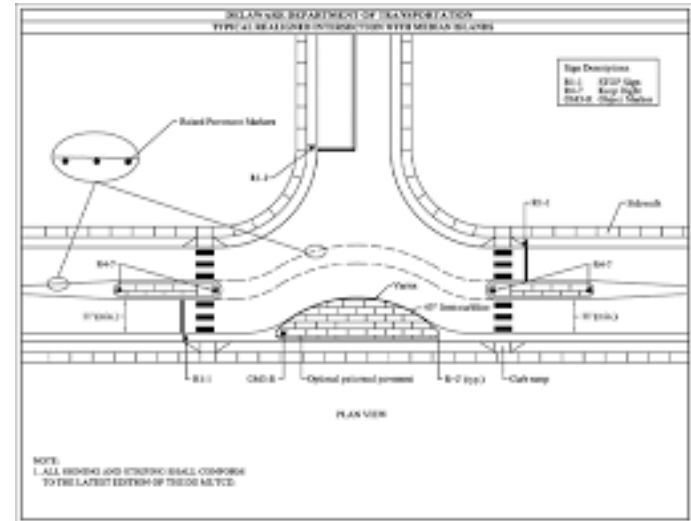
- traffic counts including speed data collection and possibly a study to determine origin/destination of travel
- exploration of existing utility locations and roadway geometry.
- A list of design professionals that have been used in the past can be provided if needed.



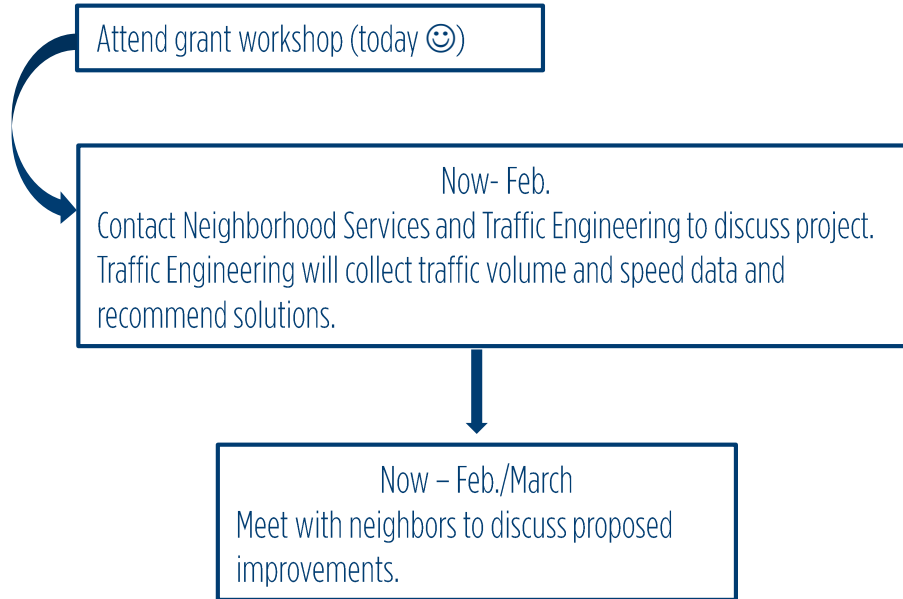
# Traffic calming strategies that require a registered design professional

➤ items constructed in the City right-of-way can impact existing infrastructure such as drainage, existing utilities, and maintenance these would include:

- raised crosswalks
- traffic circles
- medians
- chicanes
- planters



# Grant Process: **BEFORE** Submitting your grant application



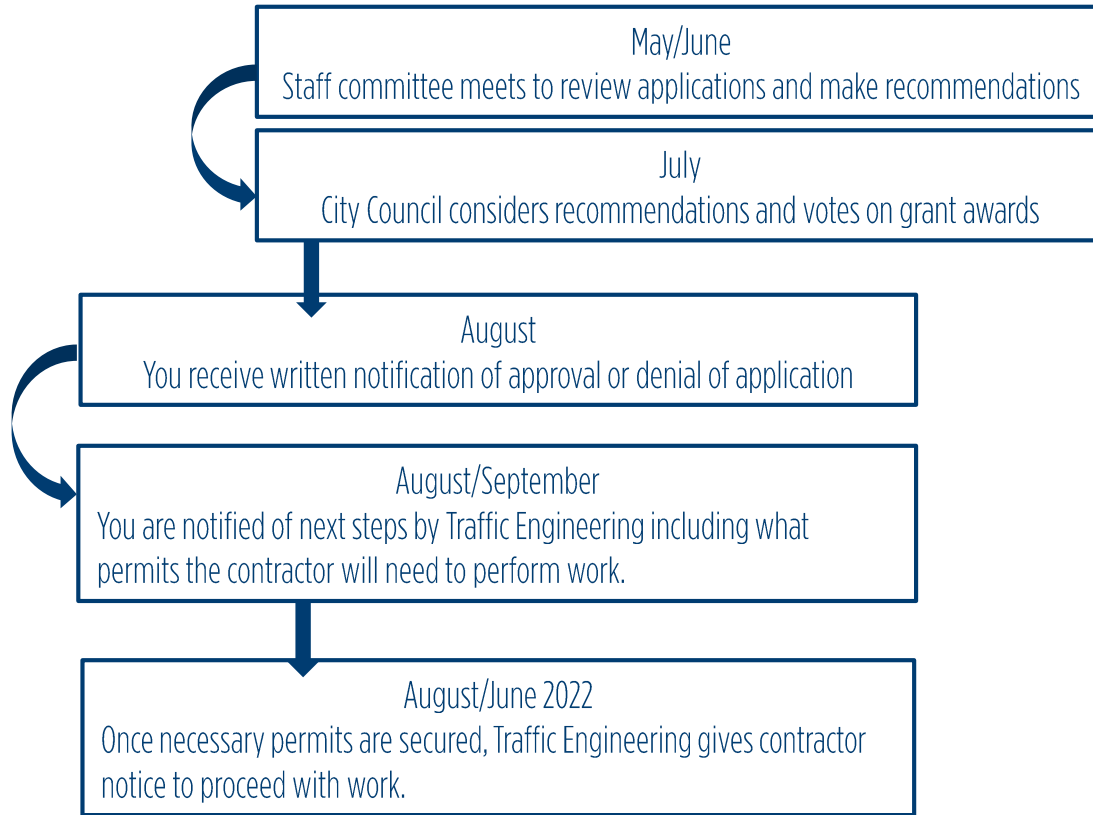
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**APRIL 27, 2020 – SUBMIT YOUR GRANT APPLICATION  
to Neighborhood Services**



# Grant Process: **AFTER** submitting your grant application



# What is the timeline?

● Connect with neighbors to choose a project	Now
● Contact Neighborhood Services & Traffic Engineering	Now
● Data collection / studies	Now – late Feb.
● Grant applicants seek approvals from neighbors	Feb. - March 2021
● Applicant seeks bids	March – April 2021
● <b>GRANT DEADLINE</b>	<b>APRIL 27, 2021 by 5 PM</b>
● Neighborhood Grant panel review	May/June 2021
● City Council review and approval	Late Summer 2021
● Projects must be completed	<b>JUNE 30, 2022</b>

# Other types of possible projects...



art



parks



community  
garden

## Other upcoming workshops

- Landscape & environmental impact projects      December 15, noon
- Arts projects      December 17, noon
- Parks projects      December 21, 11:30 a.m.

Visit [Tempe.gov/NeighborhoodGrants](https://tempe.gov/NeighborhoodGrants) for links to workshops or more info

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# Questions?

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